

Minute of Meeting

Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside and Erskine Local Area Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 23 November 2016	18:00	Linwood High School, Stirling Drive, Linwood ,

PRESENT

Councillors Audrey Doig, Provost Hall and Councillors Mullin and Noon.

CHAIR

Councillor Mullin, Depute Convener, presided.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

M Dundas, Brookfield Community Council; D Dunlop, Houston Community Council; N Barrington, Langbank Community Council; J Taggart, Erskine; N McBride, Renfrewshire Early Years Forum for the Voluntary Sector; and E Harkness, MSYP.

COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNER

Inspector C Glass, Police Scotland.

IN ATTENDANCE

S Graham, Partnerships Manager (Chief Executive's); D Hawthorn, Head of Child Care and Criminal Justice and J Graham, Project Manager (Early Years Strategy) (both Children's Services); M Hendry, Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership - Hub Manager and A McNab, Transportation Manager (both Community Resources); J Cameron, Project Director, Paisley 2021 UK City of Culture Bid (Development & Housing Services); and K Graham (Head of Corporate Governance) (Lead Officer) and D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) (both Finance & Resources).

APOLOGIES

Councillors M Brown and Holmes; and S Clark, Bridge of Weir Community Council, I Cameron, Houston and Killellan Kirk and C Hendry, Linwood Community Childcare.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to commencement of the meeting. Councillor Audrey Doig subsequently declared an interest in item 6 of the agenda.

1 RENFREWSHIRE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership (RHSCP) relative to the formation of the HSCP in terms of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014; the development of a performance framework for the HSCP; and the development of new projects in the community to improve health.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

2 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PUBLIC PROTECTION UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources providing a progress update on Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership activities carried out in the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine Local Area Committee (LAC) area during the period 1 April to 30 September 2016.

The report provided information pertinent to this LAC area on community safety statistics; environmental enforcement and improvement activities; protecting vulnerable residents; building safer communities; diversionary activities; and a spotlight on adult protection.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3 OPEN SESSION/ KEY LOCAL ISSUES

The Senior Committee Services Officer (Local Area Committees) advised that, in terms of paragraph 2.2 of Renfrewshire Council's Scheme of Decentralisation, Houston Community Council had intimated the appointment of David Dunlop as their representative and Bridge of Weir Tenants' & Residents Association had intimated the appointment of Meg Millar as their representative.

DECIDED: That the intimations from Lochwinnoch Community Council and Bridge of Weir Tenants' & Residents Association be noted.

4 PRESENTATION: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

D Hawthorn gave a presentation on gender-based violence including details of what gender-based violence was, the number of people affected by it, Renfrewshire's multi-agency response to the issue and ongoing and specific actions being undertaken to tackle gender-based violence.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

5 PRESENTATION: SCOTTISH INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION 2016

S Graham, Partnerships Manager, gave a presentation on the publication of SIMD 16 which compared overall deprivation of small areas; compared the seven domains of deprivation; compared the proportion of small areas in a council that were very deprived; found areas where many people experienced multiple deprivation; and found areas of greater need for support and intervention.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Audrey Doig declared a financial interest in respect of the following item as she was an employee of Renfrewshire Leisure Limited which helped to operate the Families First Clubs referred to in the report. However, in view of the nature of the item, she considered the interest to be insignificant in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, and did not consider it necessary to leave the meeting.

6 FAMILIES FIRST EARLY YEARS STRATEGY IMPACT EVALUATION REPORT MAY 2016

There was submitted a report by the Director of Children's Services relative to the May 2016 early years strategy impact evaluation report which was the third in a series of formative self-evaluations of the impact of Renfrewshire's "Families First" Early Years strategy. The evaluation commenced in December 2015 and was completed in April 2016.

The early years implementation plan had produced 57 actions and these were detailed in the appendix section of the evaluation report. Telephone interviews were conducted with the lead officers responsible for the 57 actions and this helped to inform the impact which the strategy was having on parenting skills and wellbeing; attachment and child wellbeing; and professional skills, structures and services.

It was proposed that regular reports, including statistics on the success of the project, be submitted to this LAC. This was agreed.

DECIDED:

(a) That the contents and conclusions on the May 2016 Impact Evaluation Report be noted; and

(b) That regular reports, including statistics on the success of the project, be submitted to this LAC.

7 PRESENTATION: PAISLEY 2021 UPDATE

J Cameron, Project Director, Paisley 2021 UK City of Culture Bid, gave a presentation on progress made on the Paisley 2021 City of Culture bid project.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

8 **GRANT AWARD FEEDBACK**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to project feedback received from community and voluntary groups in receipt of LAC funding.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

9 **BUDGET MONITORING**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine LAC budget for 2016/17.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

10 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of this LAC would be held at 6.00 pm on 22 February 2017.